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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, LONDON SUMMIT

1. SUMMARY: UAE AND REGIONAL MEDIA FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON IRAQ. HOWEVER, EDITORIALS COMMENTED ON THE PALESTINIANS AND THE LONDON CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS PALESTINIAN REFORMS. MEDIA CRITICIZED ISRAEL'S DECISION TO BAR SEVERAL PALESTINIANS FROM ATTENDING THE

CONFERENCE WHILE ALLOWING THEIR PARTICIPATION VIA DIGITAL VIDEO CONFERENCE. AN "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIAL ARGUED THAT ISRAELI SOCIETY BELIEVES THE ELIMINATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. LIKEWISE, AN "AKHBAR AL ARAB" EDITORIAL DESCRIBED THE LONDON CONFERENCE AS A CHEAP ATTEMPT TO BRIBE ARABS BEFORE THE WAR ON IRAQ.

12. COMMENTING ON THE LABOR PARTY'S SURPRISE FOR THE POPULARITY OF THE LIKUD PARTY, ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI OFFICIAL "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED ON 1/15:

"... THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO WONDER WHY SHARON'S POPULARITY INCREASES, SIMPLY BECAUSE THIS REFLECTS THE GENERAL MOOD OF AN ISRAELI SOCIETY BENT ON WAR. THIS SOCIETY BELIEVES POWER AND BLOODSHED ARE THE ONLY SOLUTION FOR THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE, INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

13. COMMENTING ON THE LONDON CONFERENCE TO REFORM THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY, ABU DHABI-BASED PAN-ARAB "AKHBAR AL ARAB" EDITORIALIZED ON 1/15:

"... WHAT WE ARE AFRAID OF IS THAT THE LONDON CONFERENCE IS A CHEAP ATTEMPT TO BRIBE ARABS (TO SUPPORT) THE U.S.- U.K. MILITARY BUILD-UP BEFORE THE WAR ON IRAQ. IT IS MORE PRACTICAL FOR THE LONDON CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO FIND A NEW FORMULA TO REBUILD THE INSTITUTIONS DESTROYED BY OCCUPATION BEFORE STARTING A SURREAL DIALOGUE ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REFORMING THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY."

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